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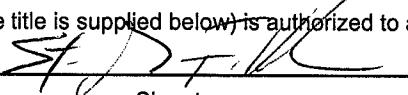
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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to:

Pioneer Laboratories, Inc., a corporation of the State of Michigan

its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in a continuation-in-part application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled:

Method and Apparatus for Clamping Surgical Wires or Cables

and identified as:

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The undersigned hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the filing date and serial number of said application when officially known, and the date of execution of the application.

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